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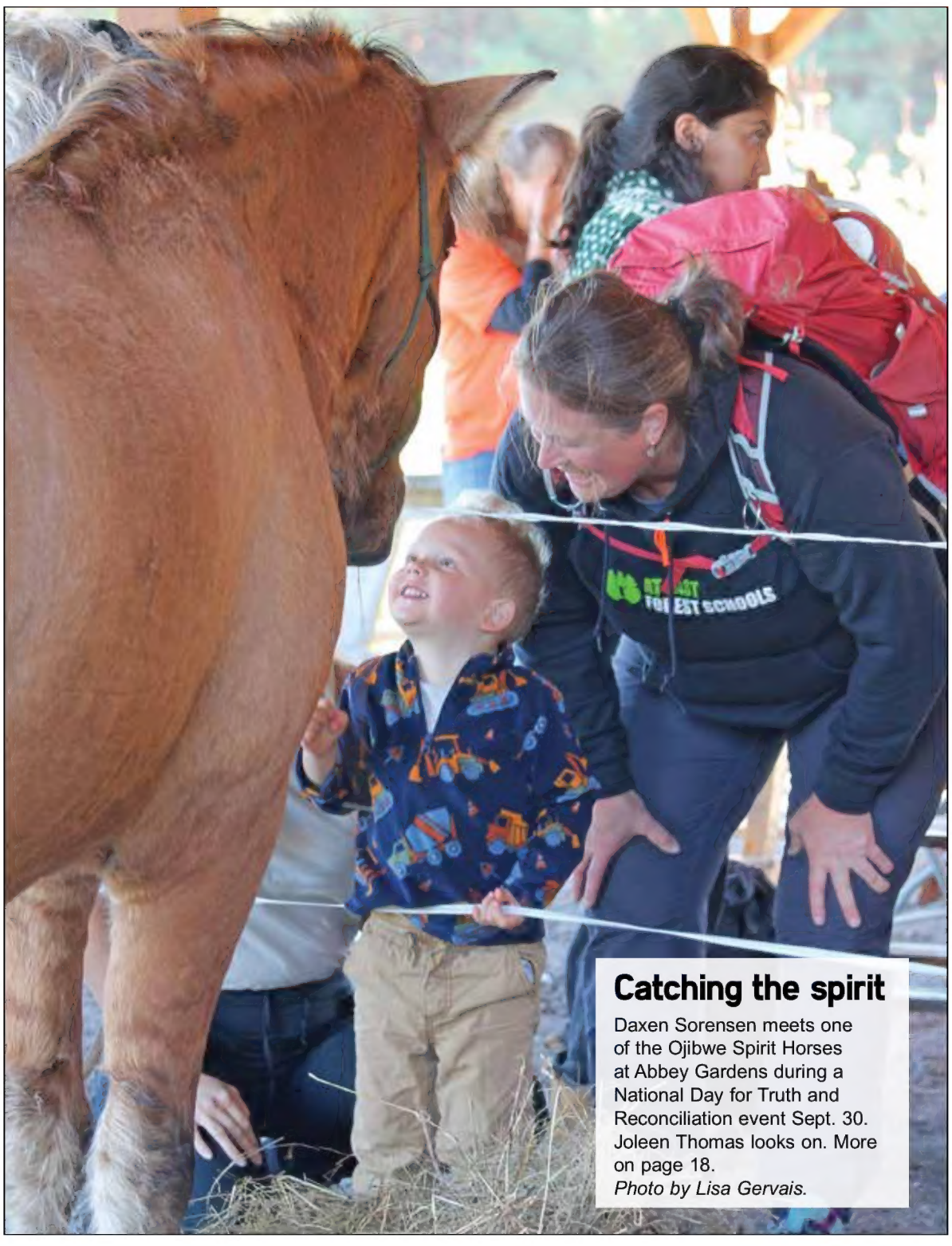

Catching the spirit

Daxen Sorensen meets one of the Ojibwe Spirit Horses at Abbey Gardens during a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event Sept. 30. Joleen Thomas looks on. More on page 18.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

County gets two doctors

By Mike Baker

Two new family doctors have signed on to practise in Haliburton County – taking the number of new physician arrivals in the Highlands to eight since early 2024.

Dr. Mario Lupu arrives as an overseas-trained doctor, having earned degrees in Europe and Australia, and joins the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Organization (HHFHO) roster with a clinical expertise in community-based family medicine and proficiency in sports and urgent care medicine. He started his position Sept. 18.

Joining Lupu at HHFHO is Dr. Carly Eisbrenner, further bolstering the Haliburton Family Medical Centre team. Joining Nov. 1, Eisbrenner will be taking on 700 new patients as part of her full-time practise, while also filling shifts in the emergency and inpatient departments at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

County warden Dave Burton said this should be welcome news to the hundreds of Highlanders without a family doctor.

"Access to quality health care is a top priority and having two new physicians join our region strengthens the care available to local residents and families," Burton said. "We are grateful for Dr. Lupu and Dr. Eisbrenner's commitment to practising here and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our community's health and wellbeing.

The pair join Dr. Harrison Bishop, Dr. Peter Faulkner and Dr. Ali Bohra at HHHS, Dr. Shaysse Kayoumedjian at HFMC, and Dr. Mimi Van der Leden and Dr. Lesslie Ponraja from the Kinmount and District Health Centre as new arrivals serving Haliburton County since Jan. 1, 2024.

Lupu has years of experience working in other countries – he completed his medical degree at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Romania in 1999, received a Doctor of Medicine/PhD from the University of Heidelberg in Germany in 2006, became fully registered with the UK General Medical Council in 2008, and received a post-grad diploma in sport medicine from the University of South Wales in Australia in 2020.

Kim Robinson, HHFHO director, said Lupu has taken over Dr. Norm Bottum's 1,200-patient roster, with the longtime local doctor retiring from primary care Sept. 30.

"I truly hope to make Haliburton my home and be part of the community," Lupu said.

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Dr. Carly Eisbrenner and Dr. Mario Lupu are joining the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Organization. *Photos submitted.*

Four more physicians needed

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Eisbrenner is a recent graduate, having completed her Doctor of Medicine degree at McMaster University in 2022. She completed a rural family practice residency at the University of British Columbia in 2024, followed by three months of supplementary emergency room training.

Dr. Keith Hay, outgoing chief of staff at HHHS, said Eisbrenner is a "welcome addition" to the hospital's medical staff. She said she's excited to be coming to Haliburton County to launch her career.

"Haliburton has had a special place in my heart for years, and my husband and I are looking forward to making it home for years to come," Eisbrenner said.

Burton credited the County's physician recruiter, Wendy Welch, and County council for prioritizing new arrivals over the past couple of years – saying their collective change in approach has worked wonders.

The County offers doctors up to $150,000 to relocate here while reimbursing moving expenses up to $15,000. To qualify, physicians must commit to practising in the area for at least two years, with payments staggered at $25,000 annually for up to six years.

New hires are also provided with complimentary one-year memberships to the Minden Recreation Centre and Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, while the County maintains two properties doctors can use while they're finding a more permanent home.

"They were drawn to the Haliburton Highlands for its welcoming medical community, the opportunity to provide comprehensive care in a small rural setting, and the quality of life the region offers," Burton said on their reasons for joining.

"Both physicians value the strong support of their colleagues the ability to spend meaningful time with patients, and the chance to enjoy the area's natural surroundings with their families," he added.

Robinson said prior to the new arrivals, the HHFHO waitlist contained about 1,600 people.

"We are receiving a number of new requests to be added to the waitlist each day, so that number is climbing," Robinson said. "Our plan is to attach as many patients to a primary health care provider as we have capacity to do so. In the case of Dr. Eisbrenner, that means 700 [new] patients will be attached."

Robinson said a key part of attracting physicians is finding other healthcare services in the community they can contribute to, such as the ER and inpatient at HHHS, in long-term care or as a coroner.

She said HHFHO is still looking to recruit up to four further family doctors, though has secured a nurse practitioner who will start in late fall or early winter. Robinson said they will be assisting unattached patients or those whose primary care provider is located more than two hours away.

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County wants big-name hotel and other investors

By Lisa Gervais

The County's economic development and tourism department is looking to attract private sector investors, land a branded hotel chain, and help better promote Stanhope Municipal Airport.

At a Sept. 24 council meeting, director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, and manager of tourism, Angelica Ingram, presented a draft investment attraction plan.

They said they want to entice more diversified accommodation; highlight available properties for development; and put together intermunicipal investment-readiness teams to support, and streamline, private sector investment inquiries.

They are applying for funding under the new Rural Ontario Development Program (RODP), which offers up to $150,000 on a 50/50 cost share basis. Ovell said they'd like to get $35,000 from the province, and chip in $35,000 from the County.

The director said the County continues to grow, but with an aging population. "This strategy aims to target economic sectors that could succeed in Haliburton to attract new investment to support the growing population. The County needs to continue to diversify its economy to ensure we have a resilient economic base that weathers change in the micro and macroeconomic environment."

He added, "tourism growth is outpacing accommodation supply. Visitors, event organizers, and tour operators struggle to find reliable, year-round places to stay. Short-term rentals are unstable. They come and go depending on regulation, costs, and seasons. No flagship hotel or conference lodge exists. This limits our ability to host weddings, corporate retreats, or multi-day events." And, while close to the GTA and Ottawa for weekend getaways and remote work hubs, Ovell said the County lacks the infrastructure to fully capture that market.

Ingram, coming up on two years as tourism manager, said one constant concern she hears is the need for more accommodation, particularly family-friendly, larger-style, lodgings. "We have really wonderful boutique hotels and inns and smaller adult-only resorts but what's missing is accommodation for hockey tournaments, conferences, large-scale weddings and events."

Tourism manager Angelica Ingram would like a branded hotel for Haliburton County. *Submitted.*

> *This strategy aims to target economic sectors that could succeed in Haliburton.*
>
> ***Scott Ovell***

Some of their ideas include hosting a Haliburton investment summit, for investors, developers and "local champions." They'd like to launch a 'why invest in Haliburton' brand and portal with properties, supports and success stories. Other strategies include: engaging hotel brands with a feasibility study as a conversation starter; digital marketing and PR campaigns to reach local and out-of-market audiences; highlight serviced lands with interactive maps and realtor partnerships; and position Stanhope Municipal Airport "as an underutilized strategic asset, with the County taking the lead with marketing activities and tactics related to the airport."

Coun. Murray Fearrey lauded the initiative, calling it the most positive thing he had seen so far in this term of council. He said in the past, municipalities waited for people to come to them, but now "we're asking to bring them here."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux asked for an example of an investor. Ovell said smaller, niche manufacturing, similar to a business such as Heat-Line. Dailloux liked the answer, as opposed to big box stores and major brands. "Our identity is about local artisan, mom and pop stores. It's where our social beauty comes from, and why people want to come here."

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Dysart council calls out elephant in room

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council put on a united front last week, unanimously denying support for an application from a Toronto-based development firm to amend the township's Official Plan, which could have paved the way for a new 25-unit subdivision on Elephant Lake.

Project details were poured over for hours during a public meeting Sept. 23, with council following municipal staff's recommendation to deny the proposal. Since Dysart is not the approving authority for OP amendment applications, the file can still be taken to County council for a final decision.

Led by NF 95 Developments, the 'Algonquin Gardens' project is split into two phases – northern and southern. Council spent the bulk of last week's meeting deliberating over the northern application, which sought to redesignate 97.6 acres east of Elephant Lake from rural area to site-specific waterfront residential.

While not directly on the water, the applicant claims the lots "will have access to waterfront through a common access block located on the southern phase." Kris Orsan, Dysart's manager of planning, disputed this claim.

"Re-designating the lots would be inconsistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) because the lots do not function as waterfront and their approval would represent an expansion of waterfront policies to lands that are distinctly rural in nature," Orsan said.

He noted the northern phase does not directly front onto Elephant or nearby Benoir lakes, which are separated by a public road – Benoir Lake Road – and other intervening lands.

Orsan said the lots do not functionally or physically relate to the shoreline and that designating them as waterfront would "artificially extend the scope of shoreline development beyond the actual shoreline,

Dysart et al council decided against supporting an application to amend its Official Plan that could have paved the way for a 25-unit development on Elephant Lake. *File.*

without the direct relationship to the lake that the PPS policies are intended to regulate and protect."

He said the lots identified in the northern phase meet the definition of backlots per Dysart's OP.

"Allowing backlots to be reclassified as waterfront… would undermine the intent of the municipality's OP policies for waterfront development," Orsan added. "Such an approach would create a precedent where backlots across the municipality seek reclassification to waterfront lots through artificial linkages, effectively eroding the protective policies intended to manage shoreline capacity, environmental impacts, and land-use compatibility."

The planner further claimed that many of the lots are too small or narrow to meet the standards normally required in rural areas, while some are affected by wetlands, floodplain and steep slopes.

In his report, Orsan opined that 14 of the 25 lots may not be developable at all.

"The proposed subdivision plan appears to overestimate the number of realistically developable lots. Many of [them] do not appear capable of accommodating appropriate building envelopes that would support compliant and functional development," Orsan said.

Jeff Iles, Dysart's director of planning, said rural properties are required to have a front lot line setback of 30 metres, though many of the lots included in the application propose a 7.5 metre setback.

Council received 32 submissions from the public opposing the application, with 12 people speaking at the meeting. Catherine Webber, has been a property owner on Benoir Lake for over 30 years. She delivered a petition containing more than 1,000 signatures to council.

"We feel this developer has clearly disregarded the rules," Webber said, claiming some work has already been done, without approval. Tony Wang, a consultant representing the developer, said a road network originally installed in the 1980s has been recently upgraded to allow for improved access to the site.

Many of the residents expressed concern over the possible environmental impacts, including habitat loss for native wildlife; issues removing important wetlands could have on drainage in the area, as well as water quality; and the size and suitability of the proposed development.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the file had been with the township for some time and had put "tremendous pressure on staff… the goalposts keep moving all the time."

After staff said council could consider deferring the application to have several reports submitted by the applicant peer-reviewed, deputy mayor Walt McKechnie and councillors Pat Casey and Nancy Wood-Roberts said they had no intention of supporting the proposal. Coun. Barry Boice also commented, "I'm not against development. But we have to protect the environment. I don't think we need to defer, I think we need to deny."

Orsan noted the southern phase of development is for 38 residential lots. Because that land is already designated waterfront residential, there's no required change to the township's OP. Instead, the application is to approve the subdivision and condominium plans as presented.

The planner again noted that many of the lots appear to be constrained by natural heritage features, including provincially significant wetlands and floodplain areas. He also noted the road meant to service the lots, connecting to Benoir Lake Road "appears to cross areas prone to flooding."

Orsan also called the application's lot dimensions into question, saying several have frontages near minimum standards. He added numerous lots show non-compliance with rear yard setbacks for dwellings and septic systems, with others not laying out where accessory structures or wells would be installed.

"Many of the lots appear to have little-to-no viable building envelopes due to environmental constraints," Orsan said, recommending the township get all submitted studies and reports peer reviewed before making a final decision.

Council agreed to defer the applications to allow for a "comprehensive review."

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Work is beginning on a 35-unit affordable housing development on the Gull River by the legion. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Builds may stress sewers

By Lisa Gervais

A consultant has told Minden Hills council that to support the development of four proposed sites in the village, upgrades will be required at its wastewater treatment plant.

Engage Engineering was hired to assess the available capacity in the Minden sewer system, reporting its findings at a Sept. 25 meeting.

One site has already been approved, with three others in the pre-consultation phase.

Council has already approved a 35-unit affordable housing development on the Gull River by the legion. The other proposed sites are: a development with 222 apartment units, 18 townhouse units, commercial spaces and recreational facilities; two commercial buildings; and a 60-unit condo development.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey wanted more information on the proposed developments, saying she did not know about them. However, director of public works, Mike Timmins, said the planning department had instructed him not to disclose the locations due to confidentiality.

The existing system comprises one wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 945 cubic metres per day; two sanitary pumping stations with force mains and a network of gravity sewer.

The firm said the existing average daily flow is 774 cubic metres per day, or 82 per cent capacity. There is residual capacity of 171 cubic metres per day. However, they said the estimated average daily flow from all sites would be 729 cubic metres per day.

"The treatment plant can accommodate one of either sites one or three within its current capacity. Upgrades will be required to accommodate the remaining sites," a written report to council said.

However, they said the sanitary pumping station on Orde Street could handle the new developments, with no upgrades required.

The sanitary pumping station on Invergordon Avenue would need an upgrade to accommodate one of the sites, Engage Engineering said.

They further said the gravity sewer should not be over capacity, but upgrades may be required if all developments go ahead.

As for next steps, the Ontario Clean Water Agency will do flow monitoring at three locations downstream of two of the sites to confirm whether there is a need for gravity sewer upgrades. "It is expected that the flow monitoring results will show no capacity constraints in the gravity sewer," the consultants said.

The township will also have to complete an updated topographic survey of the gravity sewer.

Timmins told council "I don't want to jump to this idea that we have to look at expansions. We want to look at efficiencies; what we can do to potentially not have to expand the footprint. It's an older plant … maybe there is something we can do to create efficiencies in there to claw back some of that capacity."

Mayor Bob Carter asked what percentage of the flow is stormwater. Timmins said it was difficult to say, but part of the proposed flow monitoring next year could help them calculate that.

Carter noted that the possible extension of the long-term care home in Minden had not been included in the capacity study.

McKelvey said she had "serious concerns" the report did not include the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' long-term care expansion. "We've known about it and supported their master plan and have had discussions with them, so I just don't understand."

Timmins said they have been requesting flow data from HHHS, but do not have that information yet. "When we have additional information, we will revise this, and come back for further discussion."

McKelvey said they know from the master plan that HHHS is talking about 98 additional beds, 30 extra staff, 72 bathrooms and five tub rooms, so wondered if that was not enough information to do a calculation.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher said they could follow up with HHHS. She suggested this was the first of many discussions about utility capacity in the village. Council received the presentation as information only.

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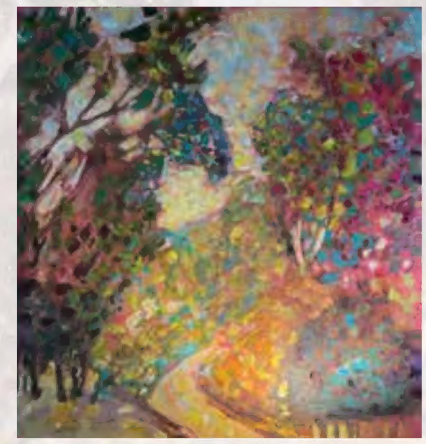

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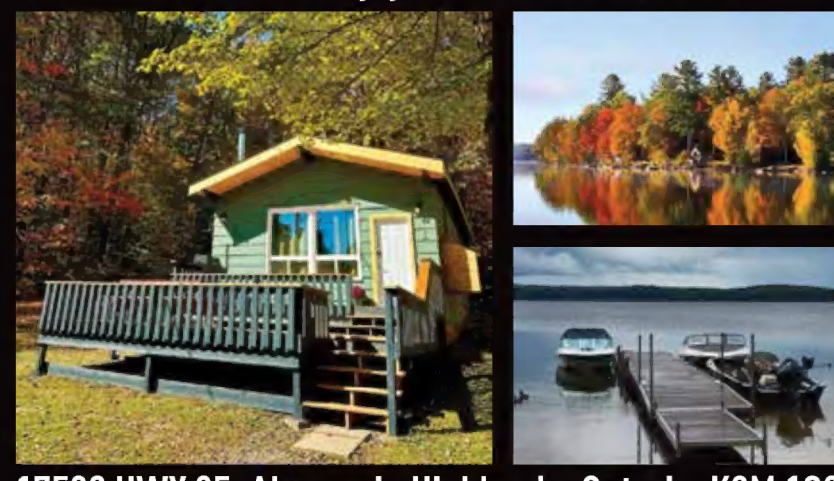

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Top left: Wilberforce Elementary School students Sev Ablett and Michael Clancy enjoying a game of Connect 4. Top right: Carol Marcus spoke at last week's unveiling.Bottom: Highlands East council, from left, Angela Lewis, Ruth Strong, deputy mayor Cec Ryall, Cam McKenzie, mayor Dave Burton, Carol Marcus and MPP Laurie Scott cut the ribbon. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Herlihey Park a 'living tribute'

By Mike Baker

Returning to the site she frequented regularly as a child, Carol Marcus said the newly-unveiled Herlihey Park in Wilberforce is a touching tribute to her parents, Beatrice and Harold Herlihey, who played a key role in the hamlet's growth in the early-to-mid-1900s.

For years, Harold was the general manager at Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber, which once sat on the same approximate footprint as the new seven-acre community park; Beatrice, meanwhile, was a schoolteacher and principal who also launched figure skating and swimming clubs that still exist today.

In 2017, Marcus and her late husband, Karl, donated the land overlooking Dark Lake, valued at $400,000, to the township to develop a park. Seven years on, Marcus was back in the community that helped shape her, and her sister Gloria, during their formative years.

"It's so lovely for me to be here today, to see old school friends… and the transformation of this space," Marcus said during the park's unveiling Sept. 26. "I have a lot of memories from this place, my sister and I had a perfect childhood… we're delighted to give something back to this community, something that can be enjoyed by all."

Highlands East mayor Dave Burton said the Herlihey Park project has been a major focus for council, with the township putting money away since 2018 to support development. The federal government contributed $80,000 and the province gave $20,000 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

He felt it was important the township spruce up the area, saying the land has a rich industrial legacy that shaped the Wilberforce community as we know it.

"From the early days of producing fruit baskets and hockey sticks to its role as a vital economic engine supplying hardwood and softwood veneer, the mill was a cornerstone of Wilberforce's identity," Burton said. "Despite facing many challenges, it remained a symbol of resilience and hard work deeply woven into the fabric of our history."

There's evidence of a sawmill operating around Dark Lake dating back to 1909, owned by James Sauder and Joseph Spears. The Herliheys got involved a short time later – Carol said her grandfather, Frank Herlihey, also owned and operated a mill on McCue Lake in Tory Hill.

After the Second World War, Jack Wallace became a partner and, together, the owners built the veneer plant, which for years served as the town's largest employer, boasting 70 full-time workers.

In 1968, the mill was bought by Ted Samuel and Joe Klasner, who owned other wood-based operations in Orono. The site was operational until the mid-2000s and was torn down in 2012.

Marcus shared one story that always stuck from her father's time running the plant.

"There was a break-in one night – Suzanne Klapow, the secretary, was there alone when two men came into the office asking for a job. She was in the middle of putting the workers' pay in envelopes, but gave the men applications to fill out, which they did," Marcus said.

"But then they saw all this money, held Suzanne up, locked her in the walk-in vault and when my dad returned from a Rotary meeting in Haliburton, he had to help her out.

"They called the police, who quickly apprehended the two men because they put all their correct details on their job application," Marcus said, drawing laughs.

Burton said last week's unveiling was the culmination of the park's first phase, with more on the way. The Haliburton County Master Gardners are partnering on a multi-year natural regeneration of the site, while Burton said there are plans to install a pavilion and additional walking trails.

"Herlihey Park is much more than just a beautiful space – it's a living tribute to our shared history, the community's resilience and the generosity of the Marcus family," Burton said. "Their gift has transformed this from a site of industry into a place of connection, reflection and recreation."

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Stories of war

By Mike Baker

Remembrance Day, and the meaning behind it, has always been a major thing for me – dating back to my days in elementary school in the U.K.

Of the few lingering memories that remain of my early childhood, one of the standouts was meeting a Second World War veteran who came into my school to talk about the impacts of war, and the effect those long years of bloody battles had on the men who fought in them. I didn't know it then, but this was one of the first times I'd come face-to-face with a true hero.

Norman Coleman was 17 when he enlisted in the military – I vaguely remember him talking about his reasonings for signing up: first, his older brother joined the cause, then his next door neighbour, and, finally, the foreman at the mill he worked at. Seeing those closest to him conscribe lit a fire under Coleman – he didn't want to be known as the boy who stayed behind.

I wonder how many people would have been in the same boat.

A little online research showed that Coleman saw action in key campaigns in Sicily, Italy and the liberation of France. On June 6, 1944, he was part of the 1st Battalion Dorset Regiment who were among the first wave to land on Gold Beach during the Normandy invasion.

Talking to young children, he didn't get into the nitty-gritty details, but I can imagine the horrors he'd have been exposed to. I've heard about the landings from others who served over the years, but still, there's a twinge of regret within that I never had the chance to hear Norman's story. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 92.

While chatting with a friend last week, Norman came up – we were talking about the scenes in Israel and Palestine, how the war there has been raging, sometimes in the public eye but often under the service, pretty much since the end of the Second World War. I wondered how Norman, and other veterans I've spoken to over the years – William McGregor from Bonnyville, Alberta; Fred Heber from Orangeville; and both Harold Rowden and Cec Bailey from Haliburton County – would feel about it all.

My thoughts pivoted and I centered on how cool it is that I've had the opportunity to speak to so many people about one of the most important days in modern history. All five of the veterans I've spent time talking to and learning about were there on D-Day. I've often wondered whether their paths would have ever crossed.

Remembrance Day is a little under six weeks away – I've already got plans to meet with one County resident who is going to walk me through his family's involvement in Europe, for a feature piece in *The Highlander*. But why stop at one?

I feel it's imperative, now more than ever, to share these stories. Unfortunately, we've already lost many of the veterans responsible for the lives and freedoms we have today, and more with each passing year. Many of these men have taken their stories to the grave, but for those who did share, I want to learn about them.

If we're to maintain this key semblance of our history, it's imperative we spend time, especially in the lead up to Remembrance Day, retelling their tales – the grim and gruesome realities of war and the horrors they saw, but also the heartwarming stories of friendship, sacrifice and salvation.

I plan to dig out my copy of *Warboy* and give it another read soon. It tells the story of County resident Martin Hofland, who was a seven-year-old boy living in Holland when the war broke out. The book details his grim experiences over the next six years. It doesn't sugar coat the situation, the things people often overlook – that many of these people living through the war, but not in active combat, were engaged in a different kind of fight.

Now is the time, perhaps more than ever, to remember why we're here today. And who we have to thank for that. If you have a story to share, please reach out at mike@thehighlander.ca.

SAWDUST STORIES

Value of unity

By Darren Lum

When I was a child, my dad used to say, "a single stick can be broken easily, but bundle a few together and it's nearly impossible." It was his way of teaching us the value of unity, especially important in a house full of brothers who didn't always get along. That lesson stuck with me, and over the years, I've come to understand that it applies just as much to families as it does to teams, on job sites, sports fields, or anywhere people come together to get something done.

One July afternoon last year, standing by a serene lake with a breeze drifting in, I found myself shoulder-to-shoulder with Clint, one of the most experienced members of the Haliburton Crew, trying to bring together two massive pine beams to stabilize an elevated gazebo.

Let me set the scene.

We needed to brace the structure with two, 12-foot beams joined at the centre using a half-lap joint, an elegant, puzzle-like technique common in woodworking where two pieces intersect to form a solid x-brace. With the joint cut and ready, all we had to do was fit them together and secure the beams at both ends. Easy, right?

Not quite.

Clint and I took turns, each on one side of the "x", using a wooden-handled C-clamp to squeeze the beams together millimetre by painful millimetre. Midway through the effort, I suggested creating more space to make the fit easier, but Clint, drawing on two decades of experience, shook his head. The tight fit was essential.

So, we pressed on. Literally. With sweat, sore arms, and a few layers of skin lost (mostly mine), we finally locked the beams into place. I was tired and aching, but I was proud. I had contributed to something real, something that would stand the test of time. And I hadn't done it alone.

A few weeks earlier, I was on another job site when a downpour was forecast. A couple of colleagues and I decided to get as much done as possible before the skies opened up. When the rain finally hit, we stayed out there, soaked but focused. No one complained. That silent commitment reminded me: sometimes, the work is hard, the conditions are miserable, but when you're not alone in it, it becomes bearable, even meaningful.

These moments, big or small, have shaped how I see my work and my role within a team. For me, having a purpose gives meaning to every task. There's pride in pushing through, in collaborating, in realizing a vision. That's what construction is all about; helping people build their dreams so they can focus on the joys of life, not just the challenges.

You can't always control what happens, or who you're working with, but you can control how you respond, how you contribute, and how you choose to support those around you. Because a single stick breaks easily, but bound together, we're strong.

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Editorial opinion

LETTER

Cats need our help

Dear editor,

I'd like to address the issue of feral cats again.

A feral cat is a feline that was born outdoors and has little-to-no contact with humans. They are wild animals and are rarely seen, keeping to the shadows and underbrush, hunting for their food and surviving on their own.

A stray cat is formerly a domestic feline who has lived with humans at some point in the past. They can turn feral over time as the needs of survival dictate.

The problem of stray and feral cats has been well-known for years. Thus, the need for cat shelters. As far as I know, Minden Cat Angels is the only one in the County.

Their incredible work of trying to remove cats and kittens from the feral reproductive cycle, seeing to their needs – medical, social and emotional – and offering each cat the opportunity to be adopted into a new loving home is their daily strive. They also lend insulated cat shelters that offer protection from the elements.

They also rely on our community. They're looking for volunteers – compassionate people who can support their efforts. To come to the rescue and just spend time, or help keep the enclosures clean, food and water topped up, engage and meet the cars, care for the unloved and unwanted, who are most in-need of love.

Please spay/neuter your pets. If you need financial assistance, reach out. I'm sure MCA would be more than happy to offer suggestions.

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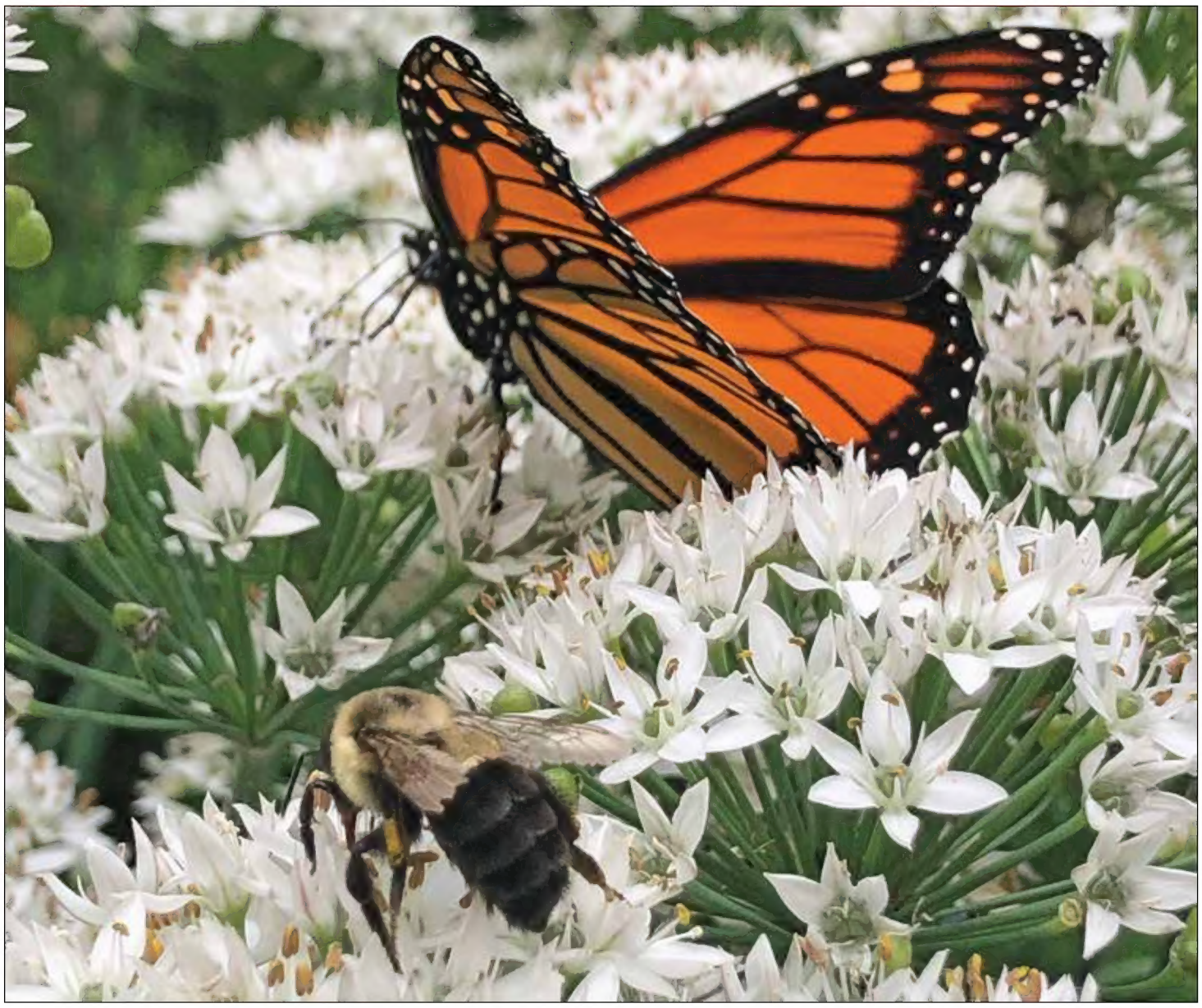


Michelle Zomer sent this photo from her garden in Minden.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Donaldson grateful for Hali community

By Susan Tromanhauser

Andrea Donaldson lives the quintessential Haliburton County life, being an active part of community.

The 62-year-old grew up in Minden with a busy sports family - hockey, baseball, curling and figure skating always at the forefront. After graduating from Hal High, she met her husband at a local hot spot for Haliburton young people– not the Rockliffe, but the Pinestone. Forty years of marriage included a move to Wilberforce, raising two children, working in a lawyer's office and remaining active in the community teaching figure skating and as a member of the curling club.

A cancer diagnosis in 2021 made Donaldson truly appreciate the Haliburton community. Astounded by the support received during her cancer treatments, Donaldson wants fellow cancer sufferers to understand the importance of being your own advocate.

Her original diagnosis of endometrial cancer was declared beaten with a five per cent chance of return, but in December, Donaldson began feeling pain again and it was soon determined another tumour was growing, leaving her kidney unable to drain to her bladder.

Donaldson blames the late diagnosis of the tumour's progression on a misread scan. In spite of faithfully attending follow-up appointments in Oshawa every three months, the tumour got missed. She doesn't put blame on individuals but places responsibility wholly on the medical system itself. Donaldson reasons there are too many patients, not enough staff and the waiting rooms are filled with people, sometimes with "five or six people scheduled for the same time slot."

Donaldson stresses writing all questions for medical staff ahead of time is necessary because long waittimes are followed by short appointments. Doctors don't have the time for lengthy discussions with each patient. Donaldson is unsure if staff shortages are caused by government cutbacks, difficulty in hiring enough trained staff or because there are more cancer patients; but a friend's experience with the process 15 years ago was different. Her friend was able to easily engage with her treatment team.

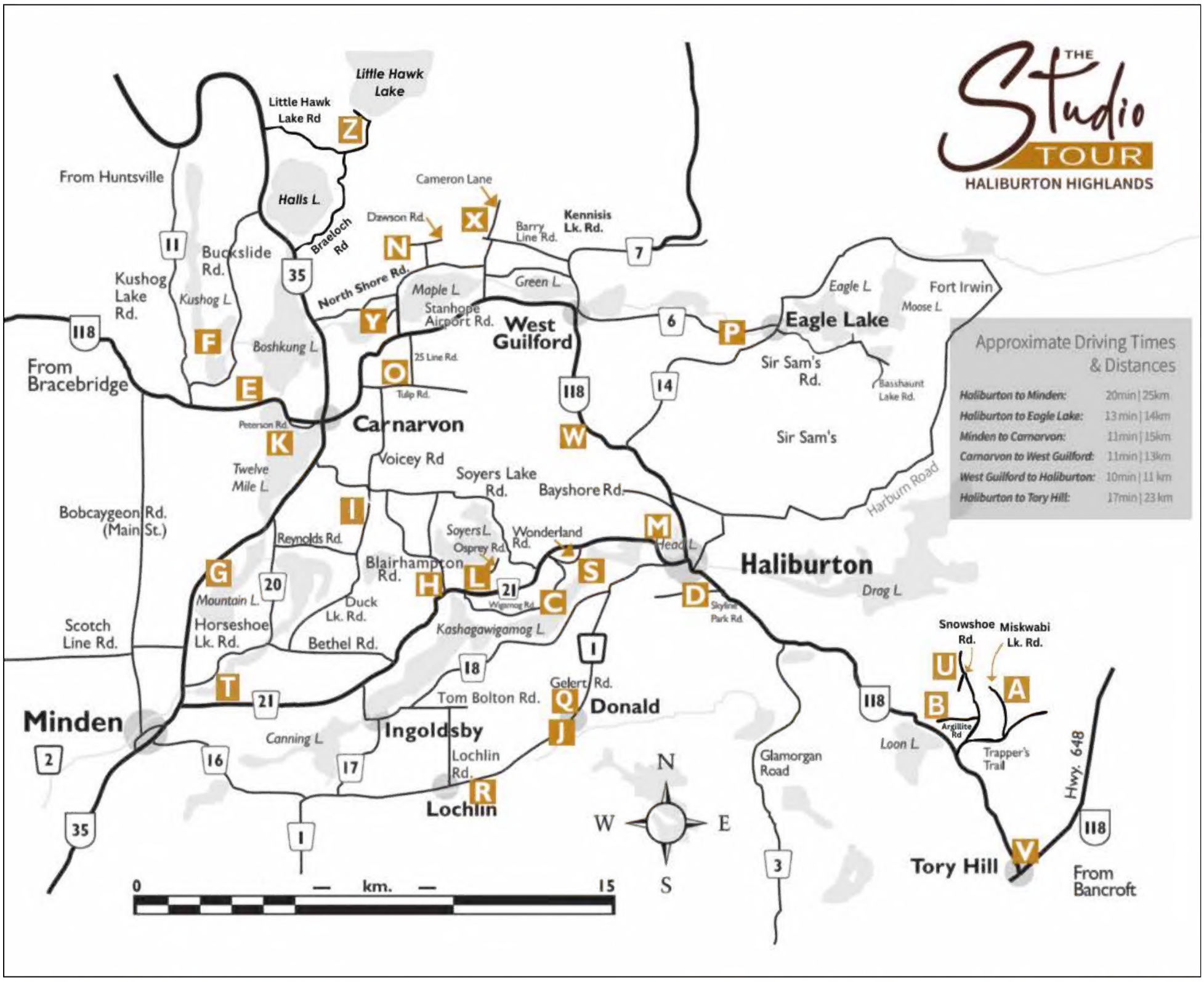
Donaldson's local family doctor and support staff "have been fantastic." Nurses are doing the best they can and always keep positive. "You couldn't ask for better people." Financially, her husband's work benefits cover prescription costs up to a limit, but $12,000 per month in medication costs means the province's Trillium Drug Program covers the shortfall. Donaldson's work colleagues are very compassionate, stepping up to fill in when she is too ill to be at the office. One co-worker participated in the Terry Fox run in support of Donaldson and others.

Donaldson's voice trails off when speaking of her next scan, but she builds strength again when talking about getting scans locally because of the new imaging system at the Haliburton hospital. For this, she gives thanks to community support - particularly the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic. Duchene, a big supporter of the hospital, is a childhood friend of one of Donaldson's sons.

Andrea Donaldson. *Submitted.*

Donaldson advises, "don't be afraid to ask for help. People want to help. If you have people offering meals or rides – take it." Donaldson is grateful for the Haliburton community. "People are wonderful."

The **Studio Tour**



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The Studio Tour

Left: Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruysers Emmink, co-directors of the studio tour with a piece of Peter's glasswork. Right: Tracey Lee Green displaying some of her nature-inspired pieces. *Submitted.*

A generational experience

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour offers a unique, complimentary experience, inviting visitors to traverse the Highlands, immerse themselves in the vibrant autumn palette, and connect with an array of gifted artists. Guests are welcomed into the creative spaces where inspiration is born, and artistic visions take shape.

"It is important to bring business into the County, and give back to the community," said Joyce Pruysers-Emmink, co-director of the tour and participating artist. "And this, the 38th year, is the largest tour since it started, with 36 studios, 46 artists and 26 locations."

Peter Emmink, himself a participating artist and co-director of the tour, explains that there are two pathways for artists wishing to be part of the tour: "You have to live up here, or apply as a guest artist."

Jen Hodges, an abstract artist and guest participant, fondly remembers attending the tour as a child with her mother and grandmother. "…memories of coming to the family cottage, driving through the Highlands, seeing the beautiful colours and checking out the different studios and artists." Years later, when she saw the call for artists, she reached out to Peter for more information. Encouraged to apply, and honoured to be invited to showcase her work, Hodges described her acceptance as a dream come true.

Pruysers-Emmink notes that a dedicated committee curates the tour, striving for a diverse range of skills and craftsmanship. "The process also includes the impact the work has, the 'wow' factor." Artists initially apply, and those who stand out are invited to present their pieces in person to the committee. Success at this stage results in an official invitation to join the tour.

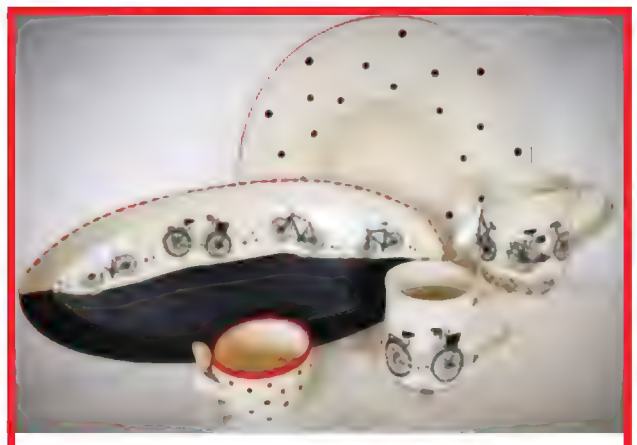
Hodges recalls that the entire selection process took only a few months. "I didn't know how long it would take for them to make a decision, but they called me back at the time of the showing and congratulated me on my acceptance." It was at the jurying of her pieces she met Shelley van Nood, a quilter, who offered to share her space for the tour with Hodges.

Another guest artist, Tracey Lee Green—a Métis nature artist—has participated in the tour for a number of years, first as a blacksmith and more recently as a painter and mixed media creator. "It never ceases to amaze me the work that goes into the tour," she said. "The people who bring it to the public work exceptionally hard 365 days of the year, which is why it is so successful."

Green emphasizes the enduring importance of studio tours, even in an era dominated by technology and social media. She likens the tradition to the "early days of social media," when artists opened their studios to share their process, environment, and creative inspirations. The heart of a studio tour, she believes, lies in personal interaction—connecting with fellow artists, meeting prospective collectors, and building relationships face-to-face. This connection, for Green, led to the offer to share studio space with photographer Corin Ford Forrester, for the tour.

"I attended the tours for many years, and it was so inspiring for me as a creative person," reflects Green, "that I wanted to be that person who inspired others."

The studio tour unfolds over the first two weekends of October, welcoming visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. It's an opportunity to encounter some of the region's most distinctive and passionate artists, and to witness firsthand the inspiration and artistry behind their work. And, for a second consecutive year, Boshkung Brewing will produce a limited-edition beer for the tour, available at selected studios. Official brochures are available at businesses across the Highlands and online at https://www.thestudiotour.ca/.



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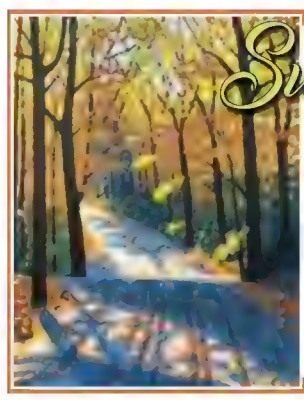

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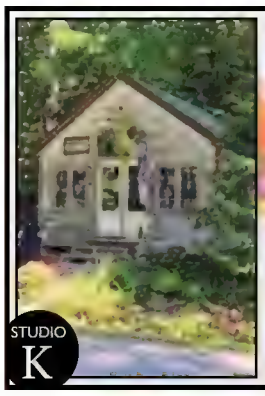

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Bettering your business

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Above: Emily Baillie said there are many AI programs that can help tourism operators expand their reach, brainstorm fresh ideas and create standout marketing campaigns. *Photo submitted.*

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Bringing Younique fits to Haliburton

By Mike Baker

Haliburton entrepreneur Chrissy Moore said it's a Younique experience for shoppers anytime they step through the doors of her new Highland Street business.

Her women's clothing boutique, Younique You, moved into 160 Highland St. in June, taking over the space that one housed Handmade Heaven and, before that, The Source.

It's a second location for the brand, after Moore launched her first store in her hometown of Midland in 2022. She closed that spot in January, a month before relocating to the Highlands to be closer to her partner, who works at Haliburton Chrysler.

She said her business is a true boutique – everything she carries is one-of-a-kind.

"It's different than a typical clothing store, where you see multiples of the same thing. If I'm getting a shirt or a sweater to bring in, I just get the one. People that shop in boutiques like the fact that not everybody in town is going to have the same outfit," she said.

That means people have to be quick if they see something they like. One customer recently had their eye on an item but decided against buying it. After reconsidering, they returned the next day only to learn it had been sold.

"I make a point of telling people about that now. Once something is gone, it's gone," Moore said.

She carries clothing for women of all ages – Moore said her youngest customer this summer was eight years old, while her oldest was 97.

Chrissy Moore said it's been a great start to life in the Highlands after opening a new clothing store in Haliburton village. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

It's been a "weird summer" the business owner said – some weeks it's felt like she's been busy from open to close, while others she's lucky if she sees more than a couple people. Now that she's a bit more established, Moore said she's noticing a lot more repeat customers walking through her doors.

"I'm seeing a lot of locals, people who live here year-round. They're stoked to have another clothing store in town," she said.

Moore carries brands from all over the world – Kut from the Kloth denim from the U.S., wares from Danish companies Saint Tropez, b.young, Ichi and Fransa, and even some made-in-Haliburton options courtesy of Artistic Threads. She updates her stock monthly, with a new fall line coming in September.

She also sells accessories like sunglasses, hats, mitts and scarves and also carries natural skincare products.

As the sole employee, Moore said she's always around if anyone wants to stop by to talk fashion or ask about clothing options. She orders from an agency in Toronto, so can bring certain lines or products in if she knows there's interest.

Despite hearing horror stories from other business owners about how slow things are through winter, Moore said she'll be open year-round. The store is open six days a week, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"I may reduce hours a bit if things get really quiet… but I'm here for the long haul. I'm not really looking to expand or do anything differently, just looking forward to building a clientele and giving people in Haliburton another choice when it comes to fashion," she said.

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ADVERTORIAL

On hydro, roads, beavers... and you

By Simon Payn

I drove under a hydro corridor last week on the way to a client's cottage. Not just any hydro corridor - it was the big, high-voltage line that strides across the Highlands.

And you know what? It's one of the most beautiful, biodiverse places I've seen for a long while. I got out of the car to a cacophony of insects - a sign of a thriving ecosystem. You can see pictures at groundedgardens.ca.

It's not just hydro corridors. Look at our roadsides. The summer purple of Joe Pye weed and swamp milkweed are replaced with the blue of asters and the yellow of goldenrod. It's stunning - and buzzing.

(A sidebar: Stop blaming goldenrod for your allergies. Its pollen is too heavy to get up your nose. The real culprit is ragweed, which looks similar.)

Some dismiss roadsides and hydro corridors as garbage - disturbed land full of weeds. But I'm going to say the opposite: yes, they are disturbed and humans have done the disturbing, but that can be a good thing for nature.

Buzz under the wires

Power companies, including Hydro One, are turning away from the scorched earth practices of the past, where chemicals were sprayed indiscriminately. Now they are starting to use a method that controls vegetation in a nuanced way and ends up increasing biodiversity.

They're arresting ecological succession at a sweet spot between the sterile monocultures of frequent mowing and the closed canopy forest of a climax community. Sun-loving herbaceous plants and low-growing shrubs get enough light to thrive, and the less frequent disturbance allows a complex community to develop. That's why I saw such a stimulating vista of flowers and textures on the road to my client. Yes, it was done for our own desires for reliable power, but why can't we help the rest of nature, too?

If the 150,000 km of corridors Hydro One manages is a lot, consider our roadsides, which spread like a web across the province. If these are disturbed two or three times a year, they hit that same sweet spot between impoverished shorn grass and closed canopy forest. Iowa is restoring 50,000 acres of prairie along its roadsides just like this.

Both these examples get me thinking about beavers. While their flooding and occasional burst dams can be a problem, the fact remains that they increase biodiversity. Just like our hydro and roads crews, they are disturbing their ecosystems at that early-succession sweet spot. They're creating sunny wetlands in what would be forest. The only difference is that beavers do it instinctively.

Beautiful disturbance

Home and cottage owners can be beavers, too - just with foresight. While we disturb an ecosystem to build our homes, we can do it with thought and create a rich, biodiverse early succession habitat that pleases us and pleases the rest of nature.

There isn't a divide between "untouched wilderness" and human destruction. Instead, there can be thoughtful disturbance that serves everyone's interests.

What if our cottages can provide connections between communities, just like our hydro corridors and roads? Imagine if we had corridors of biodiversity around our lakes, open areas that stayed open through careful stewardship, increasing complexity over time.

The client's landscape I was working on was beautiful, but it wasn't nearly as biodiverse as the nearby hydro corridor. But as the plants were waiting in their pots ready to go in the ground, I noticed a bee on the zig-zag goldenrod.

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Redstone Lake artist David Douglas with *My Pine Tree's Legacy*. *Submitted.*

Artist pays tribute to AJ Casson

By Lisa Gervais

As a young teen, David Douglas used to ride his bike into the Kitchener countryside looking for images to paint.

He packed paint and water, a sketchbook, and a 35mm camera, along with a sandwich.

He looked for properties that had telephone lines, indicating the inhabitants were not Mennonite. The Mennonites would not have a pick-up truck to give him a lift back to town. If he saw something he wanted to paint, such as a tractor in a field, he would knock on the front door and ask for permission to enter the grounds.

On one of his excursions, he went into a shed with one family's kid and found a painting of trilliums on a piece of wood.

"And in the corner, it had AJ Casson," Douglas said.

He went home and declared he'd seen an AJ Casson. His father doubted him, but his mom asked him if he thought it was indeed the work of a famous Group of Seven painter. He did. She encouraged him to phone the Art Gallery of Ontario.

After discussing the painting with a key staff member there – who said Casson was at the AGO that very day - the woman said that based on the description, it was definitely one of Casson's early silkscreen works. She was also very interested in the fact the teenaged Douglas was a watercolour painter.

"I went off on my tangent about my watercolour painting, and efficiency of brush, laying down washes. She said 'this is so exciting'." Next thing he knew, the woman gave him Casson's home phone number, saying, "he'll really want to talk to you. He loves kids and you're just exactly who he wants to know exists because he's worried about the future of watercolour in Canada."

So, Douglas called him up, and they chatted for about 30 minutes. Douglas said "we talked about the difference between being an artist and painter, our favourite colours, painting on location and using quality materials and even about Haliburton County," where Douglas cottaged and Casson had been to as a painter.

The two exchanged phone calls from time-to-time over a number of years. Douglas is just now (some 50 years later) talking about his connection with the artist, who died in 1992 as it's only now dawning on him how special it was.

Douglas is just back from Halifax, Nova Scotia where his painting, *My Pine Tree's Legacy*, is being shown as part of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC) 100th anniversary juried show. Casson is one of the founders of the CSPWC. There were more than 300 entries and 40-plus were selected.

Douglas, who has been living on Redstone for close to 20 years, and prior to that, cottaging on Gull Lake since 1956, added, "I've always been a painter in watercolours." When it comes to his subject matter, Douglas says, "the strength of most of my work is - if I don't have a story, or it hasn't got something underneath it that's really worth telling - I generally don't paint it."

He tells the tale about the painting now in Halifax, and how, at the age of eight, he saved the five-foot, half dead, pine tree from people who wanted to break it up and burn it. The tree still stands today: a 75-foot legacy (still half dead on one side).

My Pine Tree's Legacy and the work of 40-plus others are on view at Teichert Gallery in Halifax until Oct. 2. It's all been a bit of a full circle moment for Douglas, who said "I think AJ would be pleased that the CSPWC is 100 years young and that I had one of my watercolours chosen to be part of such a huge celebration. He was such a wonderful person to know."

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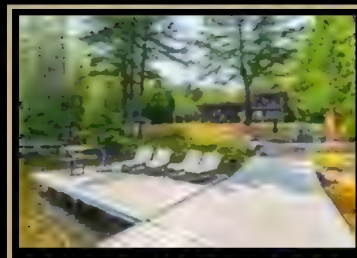

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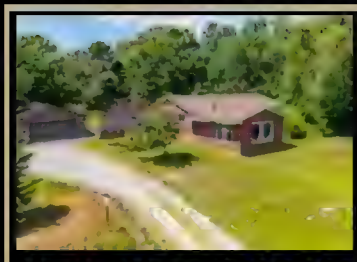

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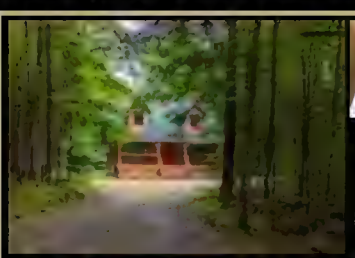

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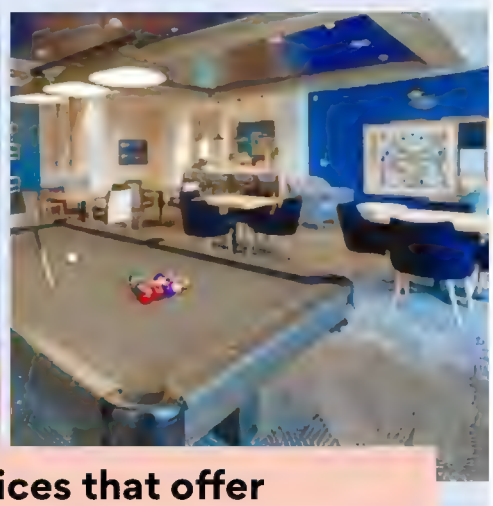

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It was a great day for Haliburton Highlands Youth Unlimited Sept. 18, with the organization raising $22,000 at its first-annual golf tournament, held at Haliburton Highlands Golf Club. Thirty-seven golfers participated, bringing in money to support operations at the Bridge Youth Centre. Having reopened in January, the facility saw more than 100 youth in grades 4-12 access services across its first six months. Community director, Leanne Young, says the centre "exists to provide youth in Haliburton equal access to positive community, caring adult mentors and opportunities to grow in new skills and leadership." The facility is located at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton village. *(Mike Baker)*

Top: Andrea Hogan preparing to tee-off. Bottom: The first-annual golf tournament attracted 37 players. *Photos submitted.*

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Fallen fire chief honoured in Ottawa

By Mike Baker

Standing in Ottawa's Memorial Park, surrounded by hundreds of fellow firefighters and families of those who have fallen, Haliburton's Chris Iles said he was humbled thinking about the sacrifices people make every day to protect their communities.

The Iles clan were in the nation's capital Sept. 7 to watch as family patriarch, Mike Iles, had his name added to the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Memorial. He died in November 2022 following a year-long battle with lung cancer – a disease he contracted following three decades of firefighting in Haliburton County.

Iles was one of 138 names inscribed into the monument last month. Chris, Iles' son, was there alongside his mom, Wendy, sister Tessa, son Joe, girlfriend Carrie, and her son Blake.

"It was a heavy, emotionally-charged day. It really humbles me and puts things into perspective that 138 people put it all on the line," Chris told *The Highlander.*

Firefighting is in the Iles' blood. Joe Iles, Chris' grandfather, served with the Dysart et al department for more than 40 years. Mike had 29 years of service, joining the ranks as a volunteer in 1993, becoming captain in 2010, and chief in 2016. He took a leave of absence in early 2022, determined to beat cancer for a second time, but never returned.

Chris, a volunteer with the department, said one of the hardest things about losing his dad was knowing he won't have the chance to build on the bond he had with Joe, who was one at the time of his passing.

There were many similar stories from other families in Ottawa, though, Chris said.

"There were people there of all ages. We were sat next to a couple of women, maybe in their 40s, and I thought 'OK, they've lost a loved one as well', maybe a dad, like me. Then, this little girl came over asking about where her dad's name was going to be. That really hit home," Chris said, noting that man left behind his wife and two children after dying in a fire.

"Another name got called and a woman walked up on stage with her two little kids, who were carrying a Team Canada hockey jersey with their dad's name on it. It made me realize that no matter if you're a volunteer or a career firefighter, the risk is always there, no matter who you are or what you do," he added.

A full-time paramedic by day, or night depending on the shift, Iles said he bumped into a colleague he's worked with for over a decade at the service. His dad was a Toronto firefighter and passed away from cancer brought on by firefighting in 2007. Chris also recognized one of the men handing out helmets on-stage – a Ministry of Natural Resources forest firefighter stationed in Haliburton County.

"This is something that touches everyone, everywhere," Chris said.

He's grateful knowing his dad's legacy lives on in Ottawa – and that he'll have a place to take Joe to honour his dad's sacrifice.

"He already knows the value his pops had in his community – he's in Kindergarten now and learning about Terry Fox. The other day, he came home with a painting, it asked who he was going to be running for and he said he's running for pops," Chris said.

He thanked Rob Thibert with the Minden fire department and Mike French, chief in Algonquin Highlands, for their support – including submitting the application to have Iles honoured.

Chris said he's in the process of setting up a memorial at the Dysart station for his dad. The family received a personalized helmet and medallion from the service, and the volunteer firefighter believes they belong at the fire hall.

"At some point I'd like to get a shadow box done up, something that can display these things properly and really honour dad's memory," Chris said. "He was very proud to be a firefighter; he loved being chief there. A lot of his lessons are still used today. Recently, on a call, one of the firefighters was working and he turned and said, 'Mike taught me that'. So, his presence remains and always will."

Dysart's former fire chief Mike Iles was added to the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Memorial Sept. 7 after 29 years of service. *Photo submitted.*

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Meeting Ojibwe spirit horses

Abbey Gardens hosted an Ojibwe spirit horse meet and greet, with author Heather O'Connor, Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. People came to learn about the cultural significance and meet the rare horses, Maple and Sammy. O'Connor read from her new book, *Across the Ice: How We Saved the Ojibwe Horse*, sharing the inspiring story of their return to Lac La Croix First Nation. Abbey Gardens' Irene Heaven said they are on the lands of the Anishinaabe people, and the event offered a meaningful opportunity to learn, reflect, and connect with Indigenous history and culture through storytelling, community, and the enduring bond between people and horses.

Above: Author Heather O'Connor reads from her new book. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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It was Fall Fly-In day at Stanhope Municipal Airport Sept. 27, with dozens of Ontario-based aviators bringing their aircraft to the Highlands. The free event was hosted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands and featured airplane and helicopter rides, guided tours of antique planes, classic car show, face painting, live displays by the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association and more. *(Mike Baker)*

Left: Laurie MacDonald stands by her Vans RV-7, which she built herself. Right: A Harvard T6 prepares for take-off. The plane was used by the Royal Canadian Air Force to train pilots during the Second World War. *Photos by Wendy Evenden.*

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Julius Da Silva gets his shot away during the Huskies 3-2 loss to the Caledon Admirals Sept. 27. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

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Huskies run into hot goalie

By Mike Baker

A flurry of second period penalties cost the Haliburton County Huskies dearly as the team dropped a 3-2 game to the Caledon Admirals on home ice in Minden Sept. 27.

The blue and white were called for five minor penalties in the middle frame – two for tripping, two for slashing and one for roughing, as disciplinary issues reared their head again, contributing to a fifth straight defeat.

The hometown team was outshot 12-7 in the period, struggling to put much offence together after an encouraging opening 20 minutes and gave up two goals. While they rallied in the third, stellar work from visiting goaltender Calem Yorke kept the Huskies at bay. He made 24 saves in the final period and 41 in the game.

Alternate captain Isaac Larmand, playing in his third season in Haliburton County, admitted it was a game that got away from the young team.

"We wanted to win, we wanted to come out strong, but we took too many penalties as a team. Accountability is a big thing in our room – I think if we're more accountable about our actions and stay out of the penalty box, that is a game we win 10 out of 10 times," Larmand said.

Some fans were still finding their seats when Caledon opened the scoring just over a minute in – Deacon King beating Stephen Toltl in the Huskies' goal at 1:15.

It was a scrappy opening, with both teams struggling to break out from their own end, though the Huskies found some rhythm at the midway point of the first. Ryan Gosse tied things at 9:10, potting his third goal of the season, with defensemen Luis Sturgeon and Oliver Tang recorded assists on the play.

The second period was a stop-start affair, with the officials kept busy throughout. Huskies forward Kieran Raynor and Admirals forward Curtis Freeman started the parade to the box, taking offsetting minors at the three-minute mark. Raynor was boxed again at 9:24, this time for roughing – and he had Toltl to thank for keeping things even, with the netminder making three smart saves a man light.

The Huskies were back at even-strength for less than two minutes – Julius Da Silva took a slashing minor at 12:57, and while the team killed the penalty, Caledon re-took the lead seconds later, at 15:12 through King.

There was more trouble to come – Cristian Giancola took a tripping penalty at 15:47 trying to wrestle the puck from an Admirals skater and Caledon made him pay. Jack Feng had all the time in the world to pick out the top corner after skating into the right faceoff circle from the boards, making it a two-goal game.

Things almost went from bad to worse for the Huskies – Oliver Tang took a tripping penalty at 17:22, this one booed heavily by the home fans, and Cam Lang was the width of a crossbar away from making it 4-1, ringing the iron with seconds left on the powerplay.

It was one-way traffic in the final frame as the Huskies took control. Jacob Smith had a great chance in close at 5:01, but couldn't find a way past Yorke, with Carter Petrie and Kaiden Thatcher also going close.

Del Colombo was bright throughout the third and had three great opportunities to score, ringing the crossbar at 8:49, drawing a penalty after releasing a shot at 10:56, and missing a one-on-one with Yorke at the 14-minute mark.

Head coach Jordan Bailey went for it in the closing stages – he pulled Toltl while on a late powerplay, giving the Huskies a six-on-four opportunity, which they took full advantage of. Thatcher scored his first of the season at 18:57 on the rebound after Yorke first denied Raynor and Connor Hollebek, but it wasn't enough.

The Huskies were back in action Oct. 1 against the Wellington Dukes, with the result unavailable as of press time. They host the Trenton Golden Hawks in Minden Oct. 4, with a 4 p.m. puck drop.

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Top: They're off … Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and staff took part in a Terry Fox Run Sept. 29. Bottom: Getting them revved up with the YMCA song by the Village People. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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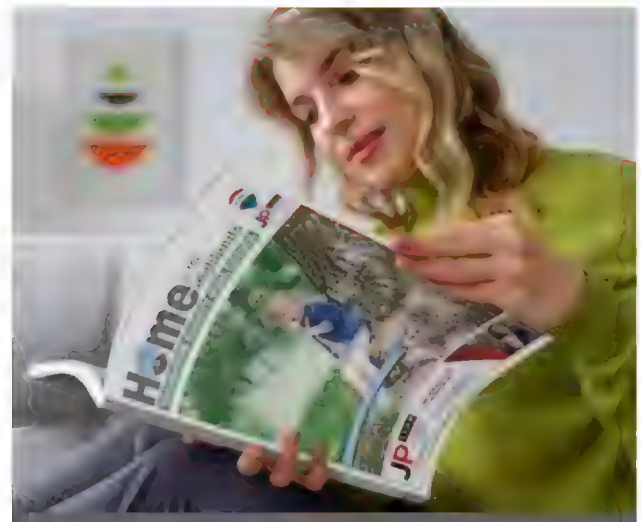

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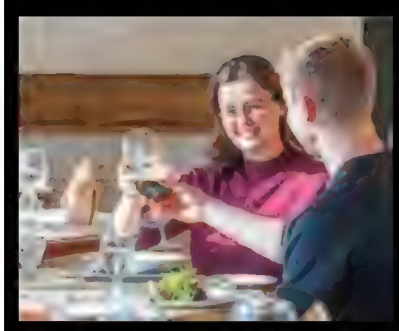
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Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Remembrance Hall. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with a 7 p.m. start time, Remembrance Hall. There will be a $1,000 jackpot Aug. 6, Sept. 3, and Oct. 1. Snack bar available from 5:30 p.m. – French fries and hot dogs available while supplies last.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month, ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month.

Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom. Beginning July 4, board games for seniors from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturdays: Open only for special events

Clubroom hours: Monday 3-9 p.m., Tues 5-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed.

Upcoming events: Drum circle Oct. 5, Nov. 16, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, with a 1 p.m. start time.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

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EVENTS

Registration for youth curling at the Haliburton Curling Club is now open. The league begins Oct. 28 and runs every Tuesday through to March, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is $60 for the season and includes use of all basic equipment. Application forms available at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School or by contacting Russ Duhaime at 705-457-0497.

Oct. 2, 5 to 6 p.m. The Haliburton Sculpture Forest and Haliburton School of Art + Design invites you to attend 'from mathematics to art with George Hart' in the HSAD great hall. Hart will work with a group of college and high school students Oct. 3 to create a large math-themed piece for the Sculpture Forest.

Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to noon Needle felting workshop at the Wilberforce library. No prior experience needed – staff will provide a step-by-step guide through the basics of shaping, layering and finishing your felted piece. We'll be creating mini pumpkins. Registration required – contact 705-457-2241 or programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca. Also in Haliburton Oct. 9 from 2-3 p.m., Minden Oct. 15 from 2 to 3 p.m., and Dorset Oct. 31 from 1-2 p.m.

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Oct. 4, Fall Festival at Abbey Gardens. Bring your family to create fall memories. Decorate Halloween cookies, make pumpkin crafts, search the gardens for scavenger hunt clues, savour fall treats and more. Tickets are $17 per child, accompanying grown ups are free.

Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wilberforce FUNraising committee is hosting a free clothing swap at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Clothes can be dropped off Oct. 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Clothing is free – there will be something for everyone.

Oct. 4, noon to 4 p.m. Walkabout Farm is hosting its fall festival, featuring pumpkin races, buried treasure in a sand mountain, games, horse and pumpkin painting, hiking, pony obstacle course and more. At 1105 Spring Valley Rd. in Minden. Entry by donation. For more information call 705-455-2899 or visit walkaboutfarmtra.com.

Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m. - Haliburton County Historical Society annual harvest dinner at Stanhope Firefighter's Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. Tickets $30 each. Proceeds will go to the Rotary Club's Skyline Park Project. For tickets & information call 705-754-0427.

Oct. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Keith Kirkpatrick is performing in a pay-what-you-can event at the Kinmount Community Centre, with proceeds supporting the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. Get tickets by contacting Yvette at 705-488-2282.

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What a view

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Sabrina and Andrew McNeish enjoying the view from atop the lookout tower. *Photo by Steve Sherwood.*

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DESCRIPTION:

• The tower will sit within a chain-link fenced compound. The compound will contain a walk-in equipment cabinet housing radio equipment, tools, manuals and first aid kit.

• The site will provide fast and reliable wireless voice and data services in the central portion of the Municipality of Minden Hills and will provide future co-location potential, therefore eliminating the need for additional infrastructure in the area.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

With respect to this matter, the public is invited to provide written comments or request additional information by **October 30, 2025,** to the contact shown below. Please include a return address.

A public information session will be held on **October 23, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00p.m.** Please register using the email and phone number below by October 22, 2025.

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William Elder
302-1090 Don Mills Road
Toronto,On. M3C 3R6
Phone: (416)726-8555
Email: welder@spectrapoint.ca

LOCATION: The site is located in a rural area off Highway 118

ADDRESS: 2205 Brady Lake Road

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CONSULTATION PUBLIQUE:

En ce qui concerne cette question, le public est invité à fournir des commentaires écrits ou à demander des informations supplémentaires avant **le 30 octobre 2025**, au contact indiqué cidessous. Veuillez inclure une adresse de retour.

Une session d'information publique se tiendra virtuellement **le 23 octobre 2025** de 18h00 à 20h00. Veuillez vous inscrire en utilisant l'email et le numéro de téléphone ci-dessous avant le 22 octobre 2025.

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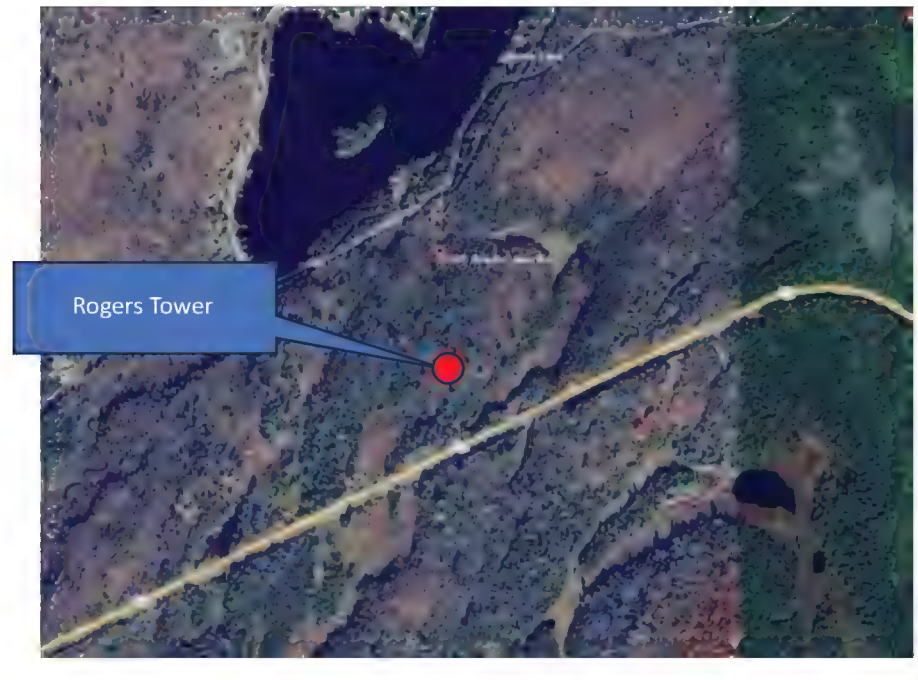

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

Shirley Gallaugher

We regretfully announce that Shirley Gallaugher passed away peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 in her 86th year. She was married to her husband, Earl (deceased August 23rd, 2017), for 60 years.

She had three daughters, daughter Debbie (deceased May 4, 2015 (Don)) and son Adam, and daughter Kathy (Paul) and children Marissa (Julien), Patrick (Ahva) and daughter Susan and her extended family Richard and Carol Gott and children. She is survived by her brother, Kenny (Linda), and predeceased by her siblings, Marion (Steve, deceased), Dolores (Jack, deceased), Leslie (Evelyn, deceased), Jack (Doreen, deceased), Clarence (Debbie, deceased), and George. She is also remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service

Family and friends are invited to call at **ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 11 o'clock for a service in Shirley's memory. A reception will follow in the church hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Alice "Marlene" Doyle (nee Harron)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, September 22, 2025 with her loving family by her side.

Beloved wife of Wilfred D. Doyle for 34 years. Loving mother of Merrill Nuttall, Darrin (Susan) Nuttall, Rick (Lanie) Nuttall, Tracy (Darrell) Bishop and stepmother of David Doyle and Paula Jenkins. Loving grandmother of 10 grandchildren and one unborn great grandchild. Dear sister of Richard (Sandra) Harron and predeceased by her brothers Everett and Douglas Harron. Fondly remembered by her step brother-in-law Donald Doyle and predeceased by Gerald Doyle and Patrick Doyle.

A Memorial Service to Celebrate Marlene's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Roberta Mary "Bobbie" Flood

It is with very sad and heavy hearts we announce the passing of Roberta Mary Flood nee Branum after a short sudden illness, at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Predeceased by her parents Sam and Isabel Branum and her husband Mel Flood. Fondly and lovingly remembered by her children Robin (Rob) and Shane (Jen) and Grandson Michael. Her siblings J'Ann, Judy, Lewis, Joanne and her nieces and nephews and by the many friends that she had collected throughout her life.

Our Mom and Gramma loved her family with all her heart always looking for a way to help, an ear to listen or just the person we could always count on. Her love was unconditional in every aspect of our lives. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and watching movies on Sunday. She was always up for an adventure or road trip.

Cremation has taken place and as per her wishes no service will take place. Our Mom wanted those who knew her to remember her as they knew her.

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Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
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E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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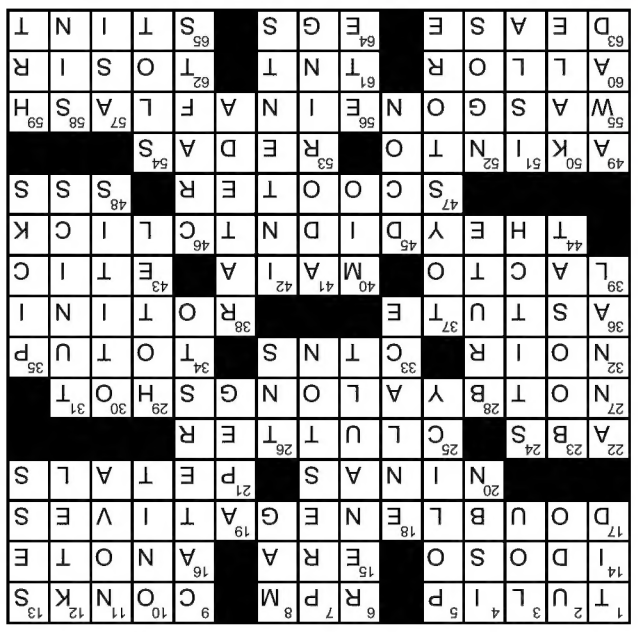

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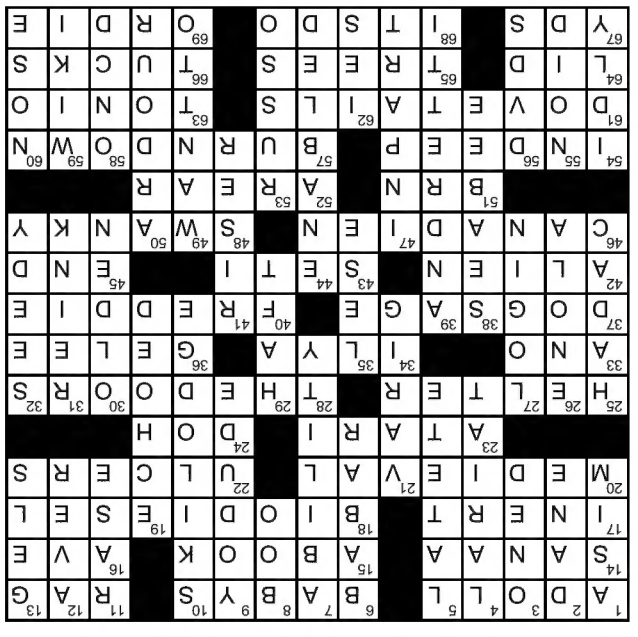

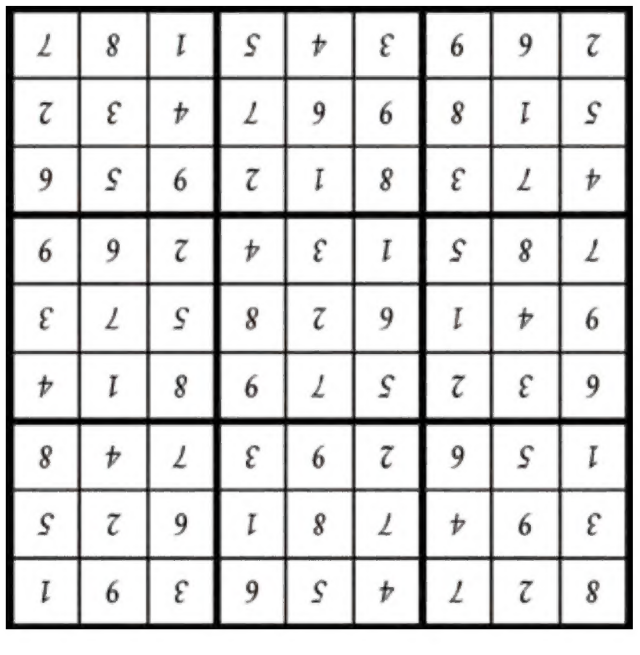

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Interested persons can apply on the Municipal website at www.dysartetal.ca/en/living-in-our-community/volunteer-fire-department or submit a resume to Fire Chief Dan Chumbley at dchumbley@dysartetal.ca no later than 4:00pm Friday, October 10, 2025

Alternatively, your submission may be mailed to P.O. Box 389, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0 Attn: Fire Chief Dan Chumbley or HR Manager, Sonja Marx

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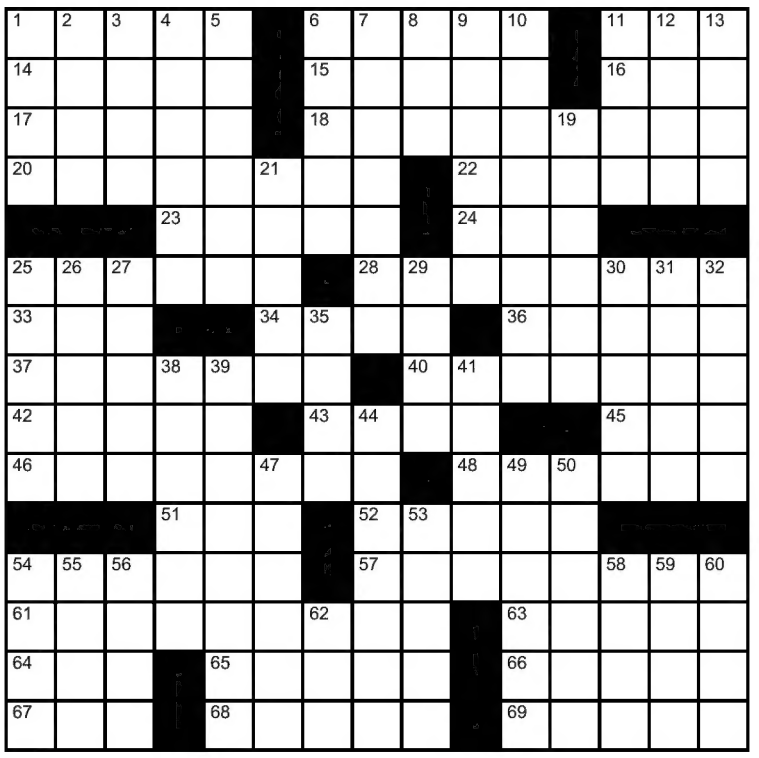

Across

1 "Would you be ___ and..." (request for help)
6 ___ breath (flower)
11 Oil checker's accessory
14 Yemen's capital
15 You can't judge ___ by its cover
16 Hail, to Caesar
17 Nonreactive
18 *Plant-derived fuel
20 *Of feudal times
22 Worrier's woe, maybe
23 Gaming name meaning "to hit a target"
24 "I'm such an idiot!"
25 ___-skelter
28 *Jim Morrison's group
33 "It's ___-win situation"
34 Kovalchuk of the NHL
36 Frozen, in France
37 *Long stretch
40 *Prinze or Mercury
42 Completely foreign (to)
43 UFO-seeking org.
45 Fairy tale's last word, often
46 *Guy Lafleur, for most of his hockey career
48 Very swish
51 Driver's lic. eye colour, maybe
52 To the aft, to the Admiral
54 Totally involved
57 *Collapse in flames
61 *Fits nicely with
63 Fool in "Pagliacci"
64 One end of a pen
65 Their bark is silent
66 Makes a child comfy in bed, with "in"
67 Three-ft. units
68 With 69-Across, D-Day phrase, and a hint to what's in the starred clues' answers
69 See 68-Across

Down

1 "___ sure you are aware"
2 Hans Christian Andersen, for one
3 Without depth, as a line, for short
4 Rodeo loop
5 A part that "je te plumerai," in song
6 Elephant king of kiddie-lit
7 Talent
8 "Get off the stage!"
9 Greeting to a bro
10 Schusser's retreat
11 Level
12 Boldly claim
13 Locks lockers
19 Said "What he said"
21 Bygone Brazilian airline
25 Was equipped for a heatwave
26 ___ Holmes (Sherlock's sleuthing sister)
27 Prepare to surf, maybe
29 Knife handle
30 Like days of yore
31 Sign again, as a contract
32 Opposite of 48-Across
35 ___-majeste (treason)
38 Vessel with an elevator for unloading barges
39 Speedy driver Mario
41 Early ___ (dawn lover)
44 Gave the means to
47 To a certain degree
49 Wish one could
50 Intense feeling
53 Actress Rene
54 Absent-mindedly
55 Problem for a young-looking pub-goer
56 Blockbuster rentals
58 Stored, as music pre-streaming
59 Web prefix meaning "fast"
60 Carrot for Frosty
62 Y, when plural

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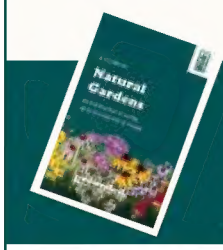

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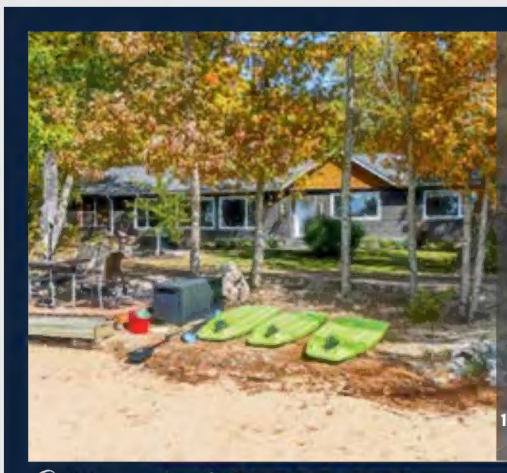

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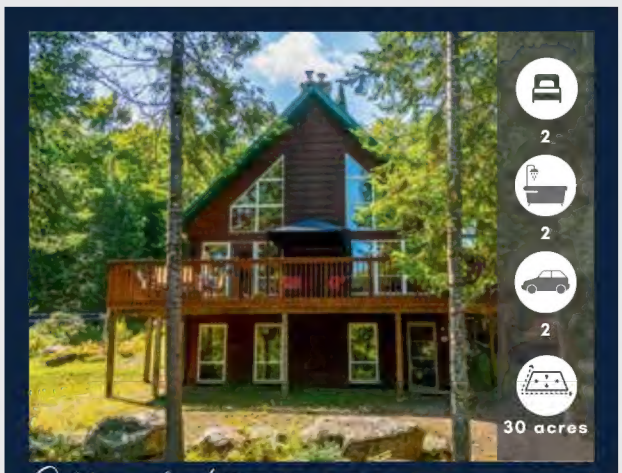

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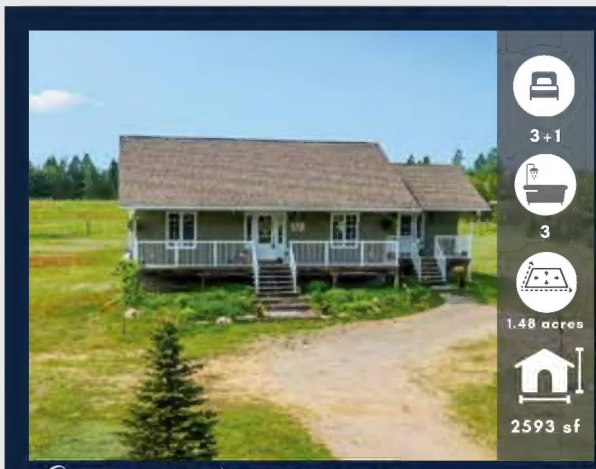

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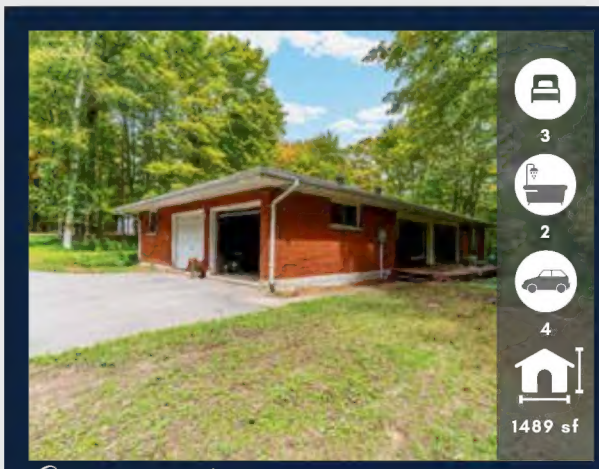

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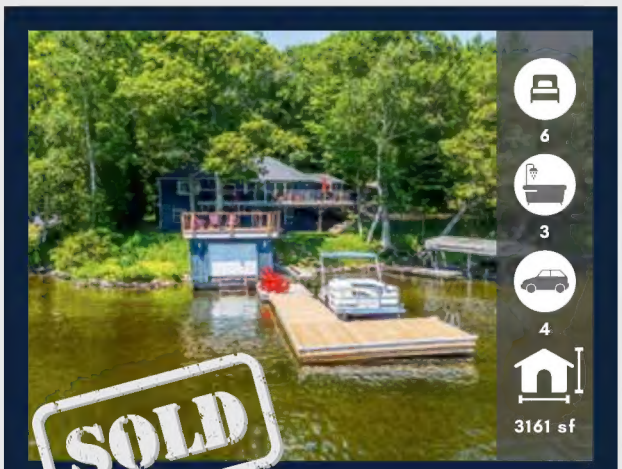

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